Pay phones changed

By Stuart Gitlow

Most of the coin-operated telephones on campus were converted to dial-tone first operation recently, allowing emergency, operator-assisted, and information calls to be placed without first requiring a dime. The conversion is Cambridge Phone's first year, and it was scheduled to end October 31 for the 354, 491, 492, 494, and 547 exchanges.

A self-adhesive sticker was attached to the coin box of most phones when the telephones were changed. The sticker reads: "Warning. Any form of fraudulent use of this coin telephone will lead to the removal of the service. We request everyone's cooperation in controlling this abuse. New England Telephone."

Terry Romano, Public Relations Spokesman for New England Telephone, explained that the stickers "are part of our toll fraud control program. You may have heard of the Burt Reynolds phony credit card scam." Romano was referring to the publication of a credit card number said to belong to Burt Reynolds. Anyone could use such a number to charge a phone call to the owner of the credit card.

Romano noted that "the story was totally false—it wasn’t really his credit card—it got all over the country. It’s fraudulent to use the credit card number to charge a phone call to the owner of the credit card. It’s against the law.

"There were several card numbers that we were aware of that were being used fraudulently," Romano continued. "Our operator equipment is aware of this and the computer will automatically reject them should anyone still attempt to use them."

Romano said, "As part of our college programs, when there would be a serious toll problem, we took the sticker action. He noted that "the vast majority of our customers are honest. There’s a great deal of trust involved with a system like the phone company. When there is trouble of this nature, we certainly track down and prosecute where we can."

Asked if there had been any problems with pay stations at MIT, Romano said, "The pay stations of recent vintage are really durable; the cord is practically armor plated. We’ve had no more problems on college campuses than elsewhere with vandalism and no problems at all that I’m aware of at MIT."

One student’s response to New England Telephone’s recent warning posted on telephones at Burton House. (Photo by Ray Henry)

---

Lectures

David Em, artist in residence at the computer graphics laboratory at the California Institute of Technology and a pioneer in computer-generated art, will speak at MIT at 4:30pm, Wednesday, Dec. 2, in Room 9-150.

His lecture, entitled "Digital as State of the Art Image Synthesis," will be sponsored by the Creative Photography Laboratory. Mr. Em will be in Cambridge in connection with an exhibit of his computer graphics at Polaroid Corporation’s Clarence Kennedy Gallery.

---

Notes

On Wednesday, December 2 at 4pm David Bloom, Director of Admissions at University of Pennsylvania/Wharton Business School, will present a seminar on "Why (or why not) Get an MBA?" in Room 4-163. Sponsored by the Career Planning and Placement Office.

---

Chef's Choice

EL-AZAR

1755 Mass. Ave.
Cambridge, MA
Between Harvard Sq. and Porter Sq.

Lebanese Homestyle Cooking

Daily Specials $3.99

Fine Food—Moderate Prices

492-7448

---

If you think "high bias" is discrimination against tall people, you're not ready for New Memorex.

High bias tape is specially formulated to deliver markedly improved sound reproduction, particularly in the higher frequencies. And no high bias tape does that better than totally new Memorex HIGH BIAS II.

We’ve developed a unique new formulation of superfine ferrite crystals, which means dramatically reduced tape hiss. As a discriminating tape user, you’ll have a high opinion of the results. A highly biased opinion, that is.

As a discriminating tape user, you’ll have a high opinion of the results. A highly biased opinion, that is.

---


Send us this coupon with $100 check or money order payable to "Memorex," and we’ll send you a HIGH BIAS II C-90 (suggested retail price $5.99). Made to MEMOREX, P.O. Box 2895, Fremont, CA 94538.

Note: HIGH BIAS 3 tapes are designed for exclusive use on recorders with a Type II (CQ) setting.

---

For price or availability of your nearest Memorex Dealer, call 1-800-446-0779.